

**Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on Monday October 11th 2021
at 7.30 p.m in Slaley Commemoration Hall.**

1. Public Participation. None

2. Apologies. Councillor S. Carson

Present: Councillor A.M. Livesey as Chairman. Councillors S. C. Douglas, I. C. Stevens, J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None

4. Minutes of September 13th 2021 meeting (circulated pages 1559 – 1563), appendix 1, page 1564 & notes from ZOOM meeting on 20/8/21 attached as appendix 2, pages 1557-1558. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr D. J. Taylor. The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 3, 13/9/21; 17c 13/9/21; 16c 9/8/21, 16, 12/7/21: Chairman asked Stephen Rickitt of NALC for further advise on Dispensation Forms. Another long discussion with sometimes conflicting explanations on the proposed way forward to prove absolute transparency in the PCs financial decisions. It was agreed that a vote would be taken at the November meeting to allow a Councillor who does voluntary work/is a committee member to be able to vote in any PC decision relating to the voluntary work/committee, providing the necessary declaration is made at number 3 of the agenda and a Dispensation Form has been completed. If a Councillor is unable to attend the November meeting their vote must be cast prior to the meeting and emailed to the PC Clerk. Cllr I.C. Stevens asked why the problems discussed at both the September meeting and tonight had not been identified to the Clerk when the Dispensation Forms & Voting explanation (Chairman casting or 7th vote) had been circulated to all members of the PC on August 25th when the question had been asked if there were any further questions which needed clarification. Because none had been identified between 25/8/21 and the meeting of 13/9/21 the need for further clarification at the September meeting came as a surprise. The Chairman suggested that all correspondence should be read carefully and if needed a ZOOM meeting could be held between official meetings to clarify any uncertainties.

b) 8c 13/9/21: Offer from NCC to attend a PC meeting - Susan Taylor (Civic head's PA) replied 17/9/21 asking for meeting dates in October and November.

c) 14 13/9/21: Community Sub -committee to assist different groups and projects – this began with a call for volunteers through the October Slaley News in both a 'Why Volunteer?' and 'Parish Council News' articles. Cllr S.C. Douglas has not received any feed-back, there is also information on the web site.

d) 18a 13/9/21: New litter bin from Kingfisher delivered to Cllr IC Stevens *

e) 18b 13/9/21: Two wheelie bins collected by Cllr IC Stevens. Cllr J. Storey collected the necessary 'Fast Set Concrete' for the fixing-posts. *

f) 18c 13/9/21: Broken lid of dog waste bin at High Clear repaired by Cllr IC Stevens 17/9/21 although he feels the fixings are a bit ropery and is not convinced the final solution has been found. *

* Cllrs I.C. Stevens & J. Storey were thanked for this work

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

The tree-planting sub-committee of CEG met via ZOOM and agreed a 'Native Harvest' tree planting scheme for Ladycross Nature Reserve, Slaley Community Shop, Slaley First School. The north Churchyard at St. Mary's will get slightly different trees and shrubs financed through a Holly Hill Garden open day. Cllr J. Storey reminded the meeting that he had a quantity of horse chestnut trees.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Update Glen Crossroads – Cllr A.M. Livesey reminded the meeting that a decision was due in November.

b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. – No update.

c) Access issues in Slaley Forest meeting on Monday 18/10/21 at 7 p.m. in Whitley Chapel Village Hall – will be attended by Northumbria Police, GLASS, NCC, PCs, TRF and local landowners. This follows on from agenda items 5e 9/8/21; 5h 12/7/21; 17 14/6/21: Karl Beckett emailed David Brookes 23/9/21 with further damage in Slaley Forest – Clerk sent meeting invitation to him. Cllr Jon Storey emailed David Brookes 14/9/21 with photographs of gate removed for a second time. YDGLA & GLEAM newsletters circulated to former BOATs sub-committee. Cllr. J, Storey will attend the meeting to represent Slaley PC and he detailed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO), (page 4 of GLEAM newsletter) where GLEAM reported that some local authorities are trying to deal with problems using PSPOs rather than TROs.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies:

Clerk & Councils Direct October issue

Email

- a) 14/9/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 15/9/21: Streetworks TTRO Yarridge Road, Hexham
- c) 15/9/21: Ann Atkinson West Northumberland VCS online Network meeting 4/10/21 at 2 p.m.
- d) 16/9/21: GNAA News September
- e) 17/9/21: Ian Hedley NCC's Community Chest Scheme
- f) 21/9/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- g) 20/9/21: NALC Enews
- h) 21/9/21: NALC Councillor Census
- i) 23/9/21: Community Climate Champion Launch Event 29/9/21 5 – 6.30 p.m. via ZOOM
- j) 24/9/21: Heather Bowers, Democratic Services Officer was requesting DOI forms after election
- k) 28/9/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- l) 28/9/21: Streetworks TTRO Eilansgate, Hexham
- m) 29/9/21: NALC Final Reminder Councillor Census
- n) 29/9/21: NALC AGM Saturday 9/10/21
- o) 1/10/21: CAN AGM 15/11/21 online.
- p) 5/10/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- q) 5/10/21: NALC Member Update - Planning Briefings.
October 14th – Permitted Development
October 26th – Highway and Rights of Way issues
November 22nd – Section 106 & Developer
December 8th – Neighbourhood Plans – lessons learnt
December 14th Conservation Areas
January 24th Enforcement
- r) 6/10/21: RSN Funding bulletin
- s) 6/10/21L NALC Operation London Bridge Update contingency plans as a result of a discussion held on 15/9/21.
- t) 6/10/21: West Northumberland Annual Sports Awards 9/12/21
- u) 11/10/21: Kathie Keady: Annual Sports Awards - Stan Calvert Application Form & Sports Awards Nomination Form & categories document. There were no nominations suggested.

9. Financial Report.

- a) September payroll paperwork
- b) Invoices received & paid since September meeting
Clerk's salary July – September £1128.99
HMRC tax July – September £21.00
TP Jones & Co LLP. Payroll preparation July – September £46.80
Procut Grounds Maintenance Limited: final payment for grass cutting 2021 £976.20
Fast Set Concrete for the fixing-posts £11.40
- c) Came & Company Local Council insurance are rebranding to Gallagher on 4/10/21.

10. New Planning Applications.

21/03782/FUL: Conversion of outbuilding to guest accommodation, East Ridley Hall, Strothers Bank Slaley. Applicants Mr & Mrs Paul Spencer.

Planning history:

20020020. New Access

20020057 alterations and additional

20020882 Demolition of timber stables and garage and construction of detached garage & stables. (as amended by letter and plan received 15.10.02 appertaining to the revised siting of the garage and amended plan received 12/11/02 showing the revised dim) - Part of the permission is G14: The stables shall not be used other than for private recreational use and shall not.....

20040701: Conversion of stables to holiday cottage. Refused

11/02610/FUL: Construction of photovoltaic array.

Despite the previous decisions, the majority of Councillors felt that in today's engagement with tourism there was no reason to object to this application. Vote: 4 No Objections. 1 Objected.

21/03241/FUL: Extension of existing garage to provide additional workshop space, store and garage with ancillary self-contained residential annexe accommodation above. Wooley Lodge, Wooley, NE46 1TY.

Applicant Geoff Jackson. **Pending**

21/03340/FUL: Extensions to the rear, including removal of existing porch/conservatory. The Coach House, East Woodfoot. Applicants Mr & Mrs Allanson. – **Pending**

21/02633/FUL: Proposed extension of existing farmhouse into adjacent barn. Woodnook Hill Farm, U8080. NE47 0BW. Councillors emailed comments by August 5th. **Pending.**

21/02682/OUT: Resubmission: Outline application for development of up to 3 detached dwellings (all matters reserved) Land west of Rose Cottage, Wooley Road, Hexham, Applicant Mr. A. Garvey. **Pending.**

21/02859/FUL: Proposed Garden Room extension to the rear of the property and removal of a modern porch to the north elevation revealing the original door opening. Church View, Slaley. NE470AD. Mr. Best

21/02860/LBC: Proposed Garden Room (as above) **Pending.**

21/02878/FUL: Change of use of land for siting of Shepherds huts and associated development. White House Farm, Slaley NE47 0AN. Applicant Mrs G. Kellett. **Pending.**

Decisions from planning

11. Social Media Report - Councillor A.M. Livesey/ Cllr IC Stevens & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas. Cllr S.C. Douglas reported 420 people accessing the web site during a one-hour period on 20/9/21 – there did not appear to be any illegal activity.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix attached as appendix 1/ 111021, page 1569.

The monthly NEAS check was completed by Cllr Storey and the Clerk emailed. The date on the pads in the Defib is February 2022. Date on replacement pads is 2023-11.

b) The request at the August meeting for further training by NEAS was made by email 2/9/21 and again on 4/10/21. Michael at NEAS replied offering 12 delegates a full day Emergency First Aid Training with a three year certificate for £683 – that works out at just under £57 per delegate - plus the cost of the Hall for the day. As opposed to £109 per delegate plus the travel to Team Valley. Clerk suggested sometime in April 2022 – Good Friday is April 15th, Easter Day 17th and Easter Monday 18th. 2020 training cost £656 for 12 delegates. That is an increase of £27. The Councillors agreed that they would subsidise this training.

c) Alex C Mason at NEAS emailed 30/9/21 with information of a new data base for our Defib. Cllr DJ Taylor asked about the Defibs elsewhere in the parish, e.g. Slaley Hall, Colpits, Springhouse. There would appear to be a gap in the Wooley area and Cllr D.J. Taylor was surprised that the residents had not decided to purchase a Defib for their area.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Monthly reports received for September, forwarded to Headteacher and copied to Cllr IC Stevens.

b) Clerk met new Headteacher September 29th and agreed the wording of the Community Agreement, this to be given to Jim Bailey for the November news. Copy sent to PC Auriol Bruce. NP who confirmed that incidents can be reported by 101 or by NP website. It was decided NOT to include the NP website address. The two named contacts on the agreement have been emailed to asked if they wish their details to remain. Catherine Lincoln said yes. Cllr S. Carson was not averse to someone else picking this up should they be keen to do so. Copy attached as **appendix 2//111021, page 1570.**

14. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan October Update: draft circulated by email **attached as appendix 3/ 111021, page 1571.** There were no amendments.

15. Neighbourhood Plan

a) The PC Chairman contacted technical support with application form and area map. Sarah Brannigan has been designated Link Officer. Cllr. A.M. Livesey to look at NCC website and draft something for the November Slaley News. Cllr S.C. Douglas to circulate an on-line link and her notes on Stage-two.

16. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor. Copy of approved minutes July meeting attached as appendix 4/ 111021, page 1572.

a) Artisan Market Wednesday October 27th will include the Mobile Pizza van monthly visit 5 – 7.30

b) An account of grants received towards the new build was verbally presented.

c) The Commemoration Hall like any other business will be hit by rising gas prices this winter despite the heating boiler cutting out and recording a fault. Project Manager to be contacted as boiler should still be under warranty.

d) Cllr SC. Douglas recorded the hire of tables and chairs was providing much needed funding this year.

17. AOB

a) RAC Rally Sunday 7th November, 70 cars through village and down Hexham Road between 8.00 – 9.30 a.m. Given to Slaley Notes.

b) Email from Cllr AM Livesey regarding Dog fouling on Wooley Road and warning of an unfriendly rescue dog.

c) Slaley Hall golf event televised on Sky Sports October 18th – 22nd – increased traffic expected.

18. Date of November 2021 meeting: Monday November 8th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.